MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Sukomal Sen... (*Interruptions*)

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: I have a very important question to ask I have been ignored throughout. I have been raising my hand on so many questions... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUKOMAL: I want to know whether the Action Plan on Himalayas has been drawn up in collaboration with the Tourism Department because tourism is an important factor in the development of Himalayas. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether he is concerned with the promotion to tourism also.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: I have not heard his question. He may kindly repeat it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Sinha, do you want to ask a question? Only two sentences.

श्रीमती कमला सिंहा: महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहती हूं कि हिमालय ऐक्शन प्लान जो मंत्री महोदय ने बनाया है उसमें बिहार के उत्तरी हिस्से को क्यों छोड़ दिया है ? उत्तरी बिहार हिमालय की तराई में आता है । नेपाल में जो डीफारेंस्टेशन हो रहा है, हिमालय की तराई में जो डिफारेस्ट्शन है, उसके कारण वहां बहुत ही साइक्लिक तरीके से ड्राउट और फ्लड आ रहे हैं । तो ऐसी स्थिति में मंत्री महोदय से इस को क्यों छोड़ा, यह मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहती हूं ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Arms Smuggled to Intensify Communal Violence

*464. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman recently to the effect that the Centre fails to react to the specific intelligence reports outlining the plans to smuggle arms to intensify the communal violence in the country;

(b) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto;

(c) whether Govt. have received the reports within a week of the Ayodhya incident on Dedember 6, but still no action was taken by it;

(d) the steps taken by Government to stop arms smuggling into the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Whenever any information is received about smuggling of arms, the State Governments and the other concerned agencies are alerted suitably.

Exploitation of Black Majority in South Africa

*466. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to bring the white minority Government in South Africa and the African National Congress representatives to the negotiating table to bring about a representative Government in that country and to end exploitation of the black-majority by way of practice of apartheid therein; and

(b) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHUR-